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Catch the Buzz: Tour Local Pollinator Gardens

Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Chalfant Big Trees Farm & Feed are teaming up to organize a self-guided Pollinator Garden Tour on June 4

Have you noticed the “Certified Pollinator Habitat” plaques that have been popping up on fence posts and garden gates throughout the Eastern Sierra?

For the past three years, many locals have been hard at work creating beautiful native plant gardens. These blooming natural spaces offer more than aesthetic value: they are designed to provide much-needed habitat for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators. With guidance from Eastern Sierra Land Trust’s *Eastside Pollinator Garden Project*, participating gardeners are helping keep the Eastern Sierra beautiful and productive by providing a home for pollinators.

Want to learn more and see these beautiful gardens in bloom? From 10am to 2pm on June 4, take the opportunity to tour many of these stunning gardens in person! Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) and Chalfant Big Trees Farm & Feed are teaming up to organize a free, self-guided tour of the Eastern Sierra’s certified pollinator gardens.

Attendees are encouraged to visit gardens at their own pace, and may choose to visit as many of the participating gardens as desired. Many gardeners will be available in person to answer questions and offer insight into the process of creating their pollinator havens.

The self-guided tour will begin in Lone Pine and Independence, where gardens will be open to the public from 10 to 11am. In Big Pine, pollinator garden visits will be offered from 10:30 to 11:30am. In Bishop, visitors are invited from 11am to 12:30pm. And finally, the tour day will wrap up in Chalfant Valley, where gardens will be open to the public between 1 and 2pm.

Plus, all garden tour hosts and participants are invited to join Chalfant Big Trees Farm & Feed for a complimentary lunch, featuring brick-oven pizza baked on-site by Mark Wagner’s *Mobile Bread Pizza Oven!*

To participate and receive a map of all pollinator gardens included on the tour, please contact Catherine Tao, ESLT Education Coordinator & AmeriCorps member, at catherine@eslt.org or (760) 873-4554.

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Caption: During their native plant and pollinator garden tour on June 4, Eastern Sierra Land Trust's own Mary DeDecker Demonstration Garden will be one of the many beautiful natural spaces featured in Bishop.